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COMMENTS:

Dear Mr. Nakhjavan:

Please see the attached 12 pages. Including The Amendment Transmittal Form (3pgs); The Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (8pgs).

Sincerely,

George Likourezos

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on May 27, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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